

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Claims 1-6, 9-16, 26 and 28-32 remain pending. Claims 7, 8, 17-25, and 27 are canceled. Dependent claim 27 was objected to as being dependent upon a reject base claim but would be allowable if written in independent form. In lieu of rewriting claim 27 in independent form, claim 27 has been added to its base claim 1. Claims 2-5, 9-16, 26 and 28-32 depend from claim 1 so they are allowable for at least the same reason. The only other claim, independent claim 6, has been allowed.


With respect to claims 3 and 5, applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of these two claims since they are species of now allowed generic claim 1.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-0150.

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